

HEAVY FAILURE.

The Chestnut Street National Bank of Philadelphia, Suspend.

The Last Government Report of the Bank Concern Was Satisfactory and Its Reputation Was of the Highest—State and City Funds in the Bank.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The doors of the Chestnut Street National bank were closed Thursday morning by direction of National Bank Examiner Hardt. Its affairs are now in the hands of the bank examiner. Wm. M. Singler is president of the bank. The Chestnut Street Trust Co., which operated in conjunction with the bank, also suspended. Mr. Singler is also president of the trust company.

The bank's suspension, however, was a great surprise, especially so in view of the high standing of its officers. Wm. M. Singler is its president and Isaac Cooper vice president. The bank was started in 1887 on a capital of \$500,000, with Robert E. Pattison as president. When the latter took his seat as governor of Pennsylvania in 1891, Mr. Singler succeeded him as president of the bank. No statement of the bank's liabilities could be obtained Thursday morning.

The Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund Co., the officers of which are identical with those of the bank, and the offices being located in the same building, was also closed for business Thursday, but to what extent the trust company is involved in the bank's affairs has not yet been announced.

The last report of the condition of the Chestnut Street National bank made on October 5, 1897, was:

Resources—Loans and discounts, \$2,790,508.65; overdrafts, secured and unsecured, \$3,552.34; United States bonds to secure circulation, \$50,000; United States bonds to secure United States deposits, \$100,000; premium on United States bonds, \$10,500; due from national banks, \$226,631.70 due from state banks and bankers, \$8,851.46; due from approved reserve agents, \$60,732.78; checks and other cash items, \$54,387.74; exchanges for clearing house, \$174,595.47; notes of other national banks, \$3,184; fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, \$2,835.94; lawful money reserve in bank, \$140,040.50; redemption fund with United States treasurer, \$2,250; total, \$3,868,070.58.

Liabilities—Capital stock paid in, \$500,000; surplus fund, \$150,000; undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, \$24,924.86; national bank notes outstanding, \$43,000; due to other national banks, \$506,110.41; due to state banks and bankers, \$134,771.70; individual deposits subject to checks, \$2,035,856; demand certificates of deposit, \$11,520; cashiers' checks outstanding, \$126,572.51; United States deposits, \$94,715.10; bills payable, \$250,000; total, \$3,868,070.58.

The bank was a city depository and there were city funds in the bank to the amount of \$289,845. The state of Pennsylvania also had on deposit with the bank on December 1 \$225,000, according to the official statement of State Treasurer Haywood, issued on that date.

The bank was also a depository of the national government, but the government is fully protected against loss by holding \$100,000 United States bonds as security.

It is said that the bank holds the funds of the city police and firemen's pension fund, the school teachers pension and annuity fund and deposits of the Fairmount park commission which latter includes bequests for the park improvement. During the past few weeks President Singler has made great efforts to enable the bank to meet its liabilities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Mr. Eckels, the controller of the currency, said Thursday in regard to the failure of the Chestnut street national bank of Philadelphia, that the suspension was primarily due to the shrinkage in the value of the bonds and notes of the Singler pulp and paper mills, located at Elkton, Md. The capital of the bank is \$500,000, and at the present time its deposits aggregate about \$1,700,000 and its surplus about \$150,000. Mr. Eckels has been in Philadelphia several times recently trying to make arrangements by which the pulp and paper mills securities could be taken out of the assets of the bank and preferred stock of the Philadelphia Record Co. substituted. By this and certain other changes Mr. Eckels hoped to put the bank in first-class condition. Mr. Eckels expressed the belief that the bank ultimately would pay every dollar it owes. The Philadelphia Record, which is owned by President Singler, Mr. Eckels said, is a very valuable property, paying about five per cent. annually on about \$3,000,000.

Boston, Dec. 24.—At the Third national bank, the correspondent of the Chestnut street national bank of Philadelphia, which failed Thursday, it was said that the Philadelphia institution has sufficient balances here to cover any outstanding liabilities, and that none of the Boston banks will lose anything on account of the failure.

The Charity Rabbit Hunt.

PARIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—The charity rabbit hunt which was held in this county was a great success. All day long farmers have been bringing in the game, which was shipped to St. Louis to the provision association to be distributed among the poor for Christmas dinner. Over 3,000 rabbits were sent from the different stations in Monroe county.

Noted Criminal Dead.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—Lorenz Pelton, the noted old counterfeiter, who, for so long had federal detectives all over the country on the run, died Thursday night at his home, 611 Myrtle street, of consumption. Twenty years ago he was sent to the Columbus prison for burglary. He escaped twice, and both times was found at his home here. He was arrested many other times in Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago. The last time he was sent up for counterfeiting he was operating with little Dick Howard, who is now serving a term in the penitentiary at Jackson, Miss.

WAGES REDUCED.

The Pay of the Employees at the San Francisco Mint Cut.

The President Will Take a Much Needed Rest—The Gunboat Marietta Encounters a Storm—The Minister to Liberia—Successor to Col. Wm. Morrison.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—By direction of the secretary of the treasury the compensations of the employees of the United States mint at San Francisco have been reduced in the aggregate \$41,148 per annum. By this reduction the compensation to be paid will be practically the same as at the mint at Philadelphia. There are about 198 employees at San Francisco, and the pay of all but \$5 will be cut. As a rule men getting \$3 per day hereafter will receive \$2.50, and corresponding reductions are made in the lower grades. The reductions in the general department will aggregate \$8,919; in the assayer's department, \$2,504; in the melder and refiners' department, \$9,693; and in the coiners' department, \$20,032. The new arrangement goes into effect on January 1.

During the remainder of the present week the white house will practically be closed to all except those who call upon urgent official business or who have engagements to see the president, in order that Mr. McKinley may consider some important questions and obtain a needed rest. The death of the president's mother and the more recent death of his cousin, Mrs. Chas. R. Miller, of Canton, caused an entire abandonment of preparations for holiday festivities at the white house. Christmas day will be observed quietly. Only the president and Mrs. McKinley and their immediate household, which includes their nieces, Mrs. Barber and Miss Duncan, and two or three personal friends will be present at the Christmas dinner.

The navy department has received a report from Commander F. M. Symonds, of the gunboat Marietta, describing the experience of the vessel in a cyclone during her trip from Sitka, Alaska, to San Francisco. The commander says the seas were very heavy and one came aboard smashing some of the brass stanchions. The vessel was then brought up into the wind and hove to, attached to a sea anchor or drag. In this position she took the big seas handsomely, shipping nothing more than spray over her bows. Altogether the commander expresses the greatest admiration for the Marietta's qualities.

Representative White, of North Carolina, had an interview with the president Thursday with reference to the appointment of the minister to Liberia. It is understood that Mr. White obtained the president's promise to nominate Rev. Owen L. W. Smith, of North Carolina, one of Representative White's constituents.

It is believed that the president has decided to appoint Judge Paxson, of Pennsylvania, as a member of the interstate commerce commission, to succeed Col. Wm. R. Morrison, whose term will expire in January. The president Thursday informed Senator Deboe, of Kentucky, who called upon him in the interest of Mayor Todd, of Louisville, that the position was promised, and it is thought that Judge Paxson is the man slated for the place.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The secret service division of the treasury gives notice of a new counterfeit \$5 silver certificate. It is of the series of 1896; check letter C; face plate number 23; back plate number 12; J. Fount Tillman, register; D. N. Morgan, treasurer; No. 2,852,687. It is printed on two thin sheets of paper with the silk fibers between. The silk, however, is too heavy. The most marked defect is in the numbering which is too small, while the green ink on the back is too light in color.

Biggest Swindle of the Age.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Warrants were issued Thursday for the arrest of ten men and three women, who were the principals in the big E. S. Dean Co. discretionary pool scheme, the greatest swindle of this generation. The gang fleeced 30,000 victims, and the amount realized was \$7,000,000. It was the biggest swindle since the days of the Credit Mobilier. Recent disclosures show that, although millions of dollars poured in upon the swindlers, there is no indication that they used a cent of it for investment.

Ex-Cashier Burr Pardoned.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Wm. E. Burr, jr., ex-cashier of the St. Louis national bank, now serving a sentence of five years at the Jefferson City state penitentiary for the embezzlement of \$20,000 has been pardoned by President McKinley. The pardon it is said, was issued on the recommendation of Attorney General McKenna who received petitions of clemency from National Republican Committeemen Korins, the two democratic senators and other influential people of the state.

Chris Von Der Ahe Will Not Retire.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—Chris Von Der Ahe, owner of the St. Louis baseball club, said Thursday: "I have come to the conclusion, after studying the situation at length, to give up all thought of retiring and remain at the head of the local club." The St. Louis president's plans, as far as known, are to interest Mr. Brush, of Cincinnati, and other eastern capitalists in the Browns.

John Andersen to Hang March 18.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24.—John Andersen was Thursday convicted of the murder of William Wallace Saunders, mate of the schooner Olive Pecker, on the high seas, on the 6th of August last, and under the sentence of the court must be hanged on the 18th day of March next, unless the supreme court of the United States in the meantime interposes.

Death of George Croker.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Geo. Croker, brother of Richard Croker, died at midnight Thursday at the residence of Dr. Wm. T. Jenkins on Staten Island.

NO DEMAND

Made on Spain for \$8,000,000 for Indemnity to American Traders.

As Cabled From Madrid—Secretary of State Sherman Making Nothing About It—Recent Tragic Death of Miss Liela Herbert the Cause of Another Suicide.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary of State Sherman was seen Sunday night regarding a story cabled from Madrid to the effect the United States had demanded of Spain \$8,000,000 indemnity to American traders for damages sustained through the rebellion in Cuba. The secretary stated that if any such demand had been made he had not heard of it.

Judge Day, assistant secretary of state, said: "So far as I know there is absolutely nothing in the story. Some one may have attempted to foot up all the individual claims that have been filed, but even on that supposition I should not attempt to say their estimate was correct."

At the Spanish legation it was said that no information had been received of any such action. The legation had heretofore been notified of the filing of all individual claims, but it was thought improbable that any claim in bulk would be made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The recent tragic death of Miss Liela Herbert, the daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy, is given as the reason for the suicide, which occurred Sunday, of Miss Annie Virginia Wells, an accomplished young society woman and daughter of Mr. Lewis S. Wells, a well known attorney. The young woman shot herself through the heart with her brother's revolver at the residence of her father, 1311 N. Street, northwest.

Miss Wells had met Miss Herbert a number of times, and was very much attached to her. She herself had been confined to the house for four months by illness, and this, combined with the shock caused by the death of her friend, brought on melancholia which resulted in suicide. The deed was apparently entirely unpremeditated, and coming immediately after Christmas festivities in the house, completely prostrated her aged mother.

Miss Wells was 33 years of age and very beautiful.

BRITISH STEAMER,

Laden With Cattle, Cotton, Grain and a General Cargo, Arrives in Port With Her Cotton on Fire.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 27.—The British steamer Lambert Point, Capt. Humphreys, seven days from Norfolk, Va., for Liverpool, with cattle, cotton, grain and a general cargo, has arrived here with her cotton on fire and the ship in a bad state.

On Friday afternoon the fire was discovered in the compartment amidships. It gained headway rapidly. Holes were cut in the cabin flooring, pipes inserted and the compartment flooded with steam and water. The captain headed the vessel for this port, and for 40 hours nobody rested, all hands battling the fire, which steadily gaining, spread to the fore compartment.

It then became necessary to flood this, which gave the ship a list of 17 degrees to the starboard. She met terrible weather in trying to reach here. Her sides and deck were almost unbearable with heat, and the provisions were spoiled by steam and smoke. The paint is now peeling off her sides, while gangs of men are landing the cattle, almost maddened with heat.

Capt. Humphreys admits that he could not have controlled the fire 24 hours longer. Holes are being cut in her sides to admit more steam pipes in the hope of having the fire subdued by Tuesday, when the cotton will be discharged until the seat of the fire is reached. Nearly the entire cargo was damaged.

ELECTRIC CAR

Runs Wild Down a Hill—Three Persons Badly Injured.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 27.—At noon Sunday a Camp street car ran wild and rushed down Olney street hill with the speed of an express train and shot across North Main street and into the corner of a frame building. The impact of the collision was so great that some of the heavy iron work on the car was doubled up and the corner post of the building, which acted as a buffer for the runaway car, was badly splintered. That the occupants of the car escaped with their lives is remarkable. There were about ten passengers in the car at the time, besides the motorman and conductor.

The injured are: Mrs. Sarah Malufsky, crushed and bruised in the abdomen and head cut; Conductor I. F. Mott, shoulder dislocated and bruised about the upper part of the body; Chas. H. Holmes, bruised about right leg and back injured.

One of the most surprising things was the escape of the motorman, Louis E. Morrow, who stuck to his post.

Aged Couple Murdered.

INDIANA, Pa., Dec. 27.—Milton Neal and his aged wife were shot to death by an unknown assassin at their home near Jacksonville, southwest of here, some time during Christmas. Their bodies were found at 9 o'clock that night by their son, Harry, who was passing the house and stopped to pay a Christian call on his parents. Neal was one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers of the vicinity in which he lived.

Kiao-Chau Leased to Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—An English Chinese organ published here says that the Chinese emperor, in order to avoid the reproach of having lost territory, will lease Kiao-Chau to Germany in perpetuity at a low rate, with all the rights of sovereignty that England exercises at Hong Kong.

Banker Dies of Pneumonia.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 27.—J. W. Allen, of the banking firm of Winslow & Allen, died in this city Sunday of pneumonia, aged 37 years. He was United States consul at Zanzibar from 1892 to 1895.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS.

An Army of Ten Thousand Men to Be Quartered at Port Arthur.

England Will Oppose the Russianization of Korea and North China—Englishmen and Germans in China's Service Will Be Dismissed at End of Contracts.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Russia, according to a special dispatch from Shanghai, is preparing temporary headquarters for 10,000 troops at Port Arthur. She has obtained a half promise from the grand council at Peking to dismiss Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial maritime customs, and other high customs officials, in addition to the British railway officers and the German officers and instructors. Fifty of the latter, the dispatch says, received notice Friday that they would be paid off at the termination of their contracts.

Contrary to general report, the dispatch asserts that there is good reason to believe Great Britain will actively oppose the Russianization of Korea and North China.

The Daily Mail publishes a dispatch Friday morning from Tokio which, it claims, evaded active censorship. The dispatch says: "England and Japan, without entering upon an actual alliance, have arrived at a complete understanding which will probably result in a joint naval demonstration at the entrance of the Gulf of Pechili."

"In diplomatic circles at Tokio the probability of the conflict is regarded as extremely distant."

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The weekly journal Zukunft combats the statement that Prince Bismarck had suddenly become an enthusiastic supporter of the Chinese expedition and that, during his recent visit to Friedrichsruhe, Emperor William confided to the prince his most secret plans.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says:

"It is reported that 17 British warships are off Chemulpo, Corea, southwest of Seoul, supporting the British consul's protest, really amounting to an ultimatum against the king's practically yielding the government of Corea into the hands of the Russian minister."

"The protest is especially directed against the dismissal of McLeavy Brown, British adviser to the Korean customs, in favor of the Russian nominee. The news has produced consternation at Seoul, which is heightened by the knowledge that Japan has a fleet of 30 warships awaiting the result of the British representation that Japan fully supports. Japan is irritated by the arrival of Russian troops in Corea and it is believed that she will oppose them."

"According to advices from Tokio, Japan has offered to assist the officers at Peking in drilling the Chinese army and to consent to a postponement of the war indemnity. Many of the viceroys and Peking officials favor the proposal."

According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai, it is reported there, from reliable sources, that a British force landed at Chemulpo on Saturday and caused the reinstatement of McLeavy Brown. The same dispatch refers to "a native rumor that the Union Jack has been hoisted on an island in the mouth of the river Yang Tse Kiang."

A QUIET NAP.

Boy Found Dead From Cold and Exposure in an Out-house—Man Found Dead on a Doorstep.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—John Colmer, 16 years old, was found dead from exposure in an out-house in the rear of 2651 Marshall street Sunday afternoon. He lived with his grand parents. He left home early Christmas morning and was not again seen alive by his relatives. It is surmised that his object in going where his body was found was to take a quiet nap.

A man supposed to be Joseph M. Morency was found dead on the doorstep at 1235 Filbert street, Sunday. His death is supposed to have been due to exposure and cold, and the coroner's district deputy, who had charge of the case, is of the opinion that the man fell asleep on the step and froze to death.

NEW SOCIETY

For the Protection of Penniless Tenants of New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Poor, penniless tenants of the East Side, whose opportunities for further time in which to pay their rent the granite-hearted landlords refused to heed as the new year approaches, have a staunch, substantial friend in the Tenants' Aid society that has just been organized.

Not only will the legal rights of evicted tenants and those threatened with eviction be looked after by competent counsel in the courts, but physicians will be furnished for those who are ill.

The president of the society is Daniel W. Blumenthal; vice president, Maurice B. Blumenthal, secretary and chief physician, Samuel Stern, and treasurer, Dr. Samuel Rottenberg.

The Idea Ridiculed.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Daily Chronicle Monday morning ridicules the notion that England is negotiating for the purchase of the Danish West Indies. It says: "Quite apart from the breach it would make in our relations with the United States, the purchase of more West Indian islands is the very last thing England would think of."

Naval and Coasting Stations.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Copenhagen to the Daily Mail says the Washington executive has made overtures to Denmark for the sale of a narrow but carefully defined stretch of land in Northwestern Greenland, where the Americans intend to establish naval and coasting stations.

Klobedanz and Bergen Sign.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—The first two players of the regular team to sign contracts are Pitcher Klobedanz and Catcher Bergen, whose contracts were received by President Soden Friday.

NEWS ITEMS.

The supreme court of Illinois has declared the jury commission law to be constitutional.

William Schoenlank, the consul general of the Central American republics is dead in Berlin.

The Alma national bank of Alma, Kan., has been authorized to begin business. Capital \$50,000.

It is understood that John V. George, a brother of Henry George, will soon be reinstated as a special inspector of customs.

Prince Bismarck, who for the past few days has been ill, is now again enjoying satisfactory health. He spent Christmas quietly with his family.

The Russian government has entered into communication with the government of New South Wales, with the object of procuring shipments of meats to Vladivostok.

It is denied at the United States pension office in New York that wholesale frauds were discovered in the payrolls of the agency by a special examiner sent on from Washington.

Forty weavers at the Bridgeton, N. J., woolen mills struck Friday on account of a heavy fine list and as a result 200 hands are thrown out of employment. The mills have plenty of orders.

James C. Ollard, of Tacoma, has closed a contract for three twin screw steamers for use on Lake Teslin and the Stickeen trade. The boats are expected to make 16 knots an hour.

News has reached Victoria, B. C., that the steamer Willpa returned to Ucluelat from the north sound of the island without finding any trace of the boat missing from the Cleveland.

The Viennese papers comment with ill-disguised joy on the rumor from Berlin that England's confidential inquiries at Washington regarding commercial action in China have failed of the desired result.

The medal which was recently presented to Lieut. Perry, U. S. N., the Arctic explorer, by the Edinburgh Geographical society, and which was subsequently lost, has been found in a theater in London.

A board of medical examiners of the marine hospital service will be convened in Washington on January 25, 1898, for the purpose of examining applicants for the position of assistant surgeon in that service.

The army pack train has left Cheyenne, Wyo., for Alaska, 12 packers and 62 mules forming the outfit. Before leaving the packers wages were increased from \$50 to \$150 a month and the chief packers from \$150 to \$250 a month.

Samuel Sloan, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, was Thursday presented with a \$16,000 golden service by the officials and employees of the company in commemoration of his eightieth birthday, which falls on Christmas.

Through his attorneys Stephen A. Jenks, a stockholder, made application to United States Judge Adams at St. Louis Friday for a receiver for the Herring-Hall-Marvin Co., manufacturers of safes. Judge Adams named Matthew Leonard as receiver.

According to the Washington correspondent of the New York World, it has decided that J. W. Wills, of New Haven, Ct., will be made chief justice of the supreme court of New Mexico. His nomination will not be sent in until after the holiday recess.

The Berlin Neuste Nachrichten says that since the occupation of Kiao-Chau bay the Chinese government has engaged German military instructors and is now arranging for fitting receptions of Prince Henry, of Prussia, at the different Chinese ports he will visit.

The Novoe Vremya, of St. Petersburg, advises England to come to an arrangement with Russia, France and Germany, but says it does not expect Lord Salisbury to accept the advice, "because under such an arrangement England would not get the lion's share of China."

A pension has been granted to the widow of Knud Knudsen, a soldier in the late war, the back pay of which aggregates over \$4,000. The man is a native of Norway and was married to the woman who now gets the pension in April, 1858. The woman never left Norway.

Conrad P. Heins, who left New York last September to ride to San Francisco on a wager and make the golden gate in 80 days has arrived. He made the trip of 3,912 miles in 83 days, after going through seven rain storms, five snow storms, one blizzard and three sand storms.

Formal steps have been taken in Denver, Col., by the incorporation of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial association for the establishment of a suitable monument to the martyred president in Colorado. The site selected is the summit of Mount Lookout in the Arkansas valley.

Amid scenes of riotous disorder and intense excitement the Illinois house Thursday passed the republican senatorial apportionment bill by a vote of 79 yeas to 51 nays. There were but two votes to spare. It was a hair-breadth escape from defeat for the republican managers.

George W. Simpson, president of the Fort Worth, Tex., stockyards, who has been appointed special food commissioner to the island of Cuba, will sail for Havana next week. He has instructions from the agricultural department to make an explicit report on the food situation existing in Cuba.

The mammoth tramp steamer Algora sailed from Tacoma Wednesday night, with the largest cargo of grain ever loaded in a single vessel, carrying 377,500 bushels of wheat valued at \$312,500. The Algora is bound for the northwest coast of Africa and is expected to be about 75 days making the voyage.

Mr. N. B. Scott, recently appointed commissioner of internal revenue, has notified the department that he will be in Washington on December 27. It is expected that Mr. Scott will take charge of the office about January 1. Mr. Formen, the present commissioner, will return to East St. Louis, Ill., and resume the practice of law.

Rush to the Klondike.

The railroads are confidently expecting a big rush of travel to the Klondike in the spring. It is estimated that fully 100,000 people will attempt to reach the gold fields as soon as the winter is over, and with a desire to turn a nimble penny at every opportunity trunk lines are beginning to prepare for the expected rush. One of the first in the field is the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which has already begun the running of the through tourist car from New York City to Philadelphia, Washington, Parkersburg and Cincinnati, reaching St. Louis Wednesday evening, Texarkana Thursday afternoon, El Paso, Texas, Friday evening and San Francisco Sunday morning. This service is in addition to the one provided by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from Pittsburgh by way of Cincinnati and the Illinois Central to New Orleans and the Southern Pacific through to the coast, the Pittsburgh car leaving every Wednesday morning. The New York car on its return leaves San Francisco Monday evening, and the Pittsburgh car leaves on Thursday.

Categorical.

"But what do you mean by saying that the man was more or less intoxicated?" asked the lawyer. "Lemme see," said the witness, as he scratched his chin. "I guess I mean that if he had been more intoxicated he would have been drunk, and if he had been less he would have been sober. How'll that do?"—Indianapolis Journal.

Tremendous Exodus to the Klondike.

Despite the warnings of those who have been on the spot, and predict suffering in the Klondike region, thousands of adventurous Americans are wending their way thitherward. All of them should be provided with that medicinal safeguard, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which warms and nourishes the system, and prevents malaria, rheumatism, kidney trouble, besides remedying liver complaint, dyspepsia and constipation.

The Poker Variety.

Depew—See any sharks coming over? Depond—Yes; played with a couple.—Up to date.

Holiday Reduction.

For the Christmas and New Year holidays, the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus R'y will sell low rate excursion tickets to all points on its line and to prominent points on connecting railroads. Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1897, and January 1st, 1898, good returning until January 4th, 1898. Ask Agents for particulars. C. F. Daly, Gen. Pass. Agt., Cleveland.

We wish somebody would invent suspenders that never wear out.—Washington Democrat.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

A girl stands before a mirror while dressing so she can see what is going on.—Chicago News.

For Homeseeker's Excursion dates via the Missouri, Kansas and Texas R'y, and information of their tourist sleeper arrangement, address H. F. Bowsher, 435 Walnut St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

If women were as trifling as some men there would be more divorces.—Washington Democrat.

Fits stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free 2 trial bottle & treatise. Dr. Kline, 933 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

Very few people read a new book until it appears at the public library.—Acheson Globe.

Gentle treatment. St. Jacobs Oil soothes Neuralgia and cures it. It fades away.

A writing teacher is no account for anything else.—Washington Democrat.

How to cure Rheumatism? Use St. Jacobs Oil. It subdues the cures.

He that hath a faithful wife should take good care of her.—Farm Journal.

Don't snap in two. Limber up. St. Jacobs Oil will cure lumbago sure.

An egg in the cup is worth two in the nest.—Chicago News.

Scrofula and All other blood Diseases are promptly

And Permanently Cured By Hood's Sarsaparilla.

If you suffer from Any form of Blood

Disorder, you should